

WE CLAIM:

1. A method for formation treatment, comprising:

running into a well casing on a tubing string a formation treatment tool having spaced straddle packer elements establishing an isolated casing zone within the well casing and having fluid supply passage and an injection port directing fluid flow from the fluid supply flow passage into the isolated casing annulus zone and an inlet port and fluid discharge flow passage receiving well treatment fluid from the isolated casing zone, the formation treatment tool having a dump valve controlling discharge of fluid from said discharge flow passage into the well casing and further having a tubing isolation valve controlling fluid communication between the tubing string and formation treatment tool;

locating the formation treatment tool with said straddle packer elements positioned respectively above and below casing perforations of a selected casing interval;

with said dump valve closed and said tubing isolation valve open, causing formation treatment by causing treatment fluid flow through said tubing string, tubing isolation valve, fluid supply passage and injection port into the isolated casing zone and through the casing perforations into the surrounding formation;

after formation treatment opening the dump valve and discharging excess formation treatment fluid from the tubing string, fluid supply passage and isolated casing zone into the well casing below the formation treatment tool;

closing the tubing isolation valve;

equalizing fluid pressure across said straddle packer elements; and
with the tubing string, conveying the formation treatment tool within the well casing.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said tubing isolation valve is flow responsive for opening and closing operation, said method comprising:

running said well service tool into the well casing with said tubing isolation valve open permitting fluid flow through said tubing isolation valve during running;

with said spaced packer elements of said well service tool positioned to straddle a perforated casing zone, causing formation treatment fluid to flow through said tubing string and tubing isolation valve into the isolated casing zone; and

after completion of formation treatment causing flow responsive closure of said tubing isolation valve by flow of formation fluid and isolating the tubing string from formation pressure.

3. The method of claim 2, comprising:

prior to formation treatment positioning said formation treatment tool in a non-perforated zone of the well casing;

conducting a formation treatment tool pressure test by injecting fluid pressure into the well casing between said straddle packer elements and causing flow responsive closing of said dump valve;

after pressure testing confirmation of said formation treatment tool, bleeding fluid pressure from between said spaced straddle packer elements via the tubing string and freeing said formation treatment tool for conveyance within the well casing;

conveying said formation treatment tool to a desired perforated casing zone; and
conducting said formation treatment operation.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein said tubing isolation valve is operated to open and closed positions by causing linear cycling movement of said tubing string for selective opening and closing operation, said method comprising:

cycling said tubing isolation valve to said open position;

running said well service tool into the well casing with said tubing isolation valve at said open position;

selectively positioning said formation treatment tool within the well casing

after completion of formation treatment, cycling said tubing isolation valve to said closed position isolating the formation from hydrostatic tubing pressure in the event of underbalanced wells.

5. The method of claim 4, said tubing isolation valve having an indexing housing and an indexing sleeve being linearly moveable within the indexing housing and being moveable responsive to linear cycling movement of said tubing string and defining an indexing recess and

an indexing element being mounted to said valve housing and having indexing engagement within said indexing recess, a valve element being actuated to open and closed positions upon selective linear movement of said indexing sleeve, said method comprising:

actuating said spaced packer elements to sealing engagement within the well casing; and
actuating said valve element to desired position by linear cycling movement of said indexing sleeve by the tubing string.

6. The method of claim 5, comprising:

positioning said formation treatment tool in an non-perforated zone of the well casing;
pressure testing said formation treatment tool and closing said dump valve by application of fluid pressure via the tubing string treatment fluid supply passage and injection port into the well casing between said spaced packer elements;

after pressure testing bleeding fluid pressure from the tubing string causing opening of said dump valve;

conveying said formation treatment tool to a selected perforated zone of the well casing;
moving said valve element to its open position by controlled cycling the tubing string;
and

treating the formation surrounding the perforated zone of the well casing.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein said tubing isolation valve is operated to open and closed positions by causing linear cycling movement of said tubing string for selective opening and closing operation, said method comprising:

cycling said tubing isolation valve to said closed position;

running said well service tool into the well casing with said tubing isolation valve at said closed position;

selectively positioning said formation treatment tool within the well casing;

cycling said tubing isolation valve to said open position;

treating the formation;

after completion of formation treatment, cycling said tubing isolation valve to said closed position isolating the tubing string from formation pressure in the event of overpressured wells and isolating the formation from hydrostatic tubing pressure in the event of underbalanced wells.

8. The method of claim 7, said tubing isolation valve having an indexing housing and an indexing sleeve being linearly moveable within the indexing housing and being moveable responsive to linear cycling movement of said tubing string and defining an indexing recess and an indexing element being mounted to said valve housing and having indexing engagement within said indexing recess, a valve element being actuated to open and closed positions upon selective linear movement of said indexing sleeve, said method further comprising:

actuating said valve element to desired position by linear cycling movement of said indexing sleeve by the tubing string.

9. The method of claim 8, comprising:

positioning said formation treatment tool in an non-perforated zone of the well casing;

pressure testing said formation treatment tool and closing said dump valve by application of fluid pressure via the tubing string treatment fluid supply passage and injection port into the well casing between said spaced packer elements;

after pressure testing bleeding fluid pressure from the tubing string causing opening of said dump valve;

conveying said formation treatment tool to a selected perforated zone of the well casing;

moving said valve element to its open position by controlled cycling the tubing string;

and

treating the formation surrounding the perforated zone of the well casing.

10. The method of claim 1, comprising:

conveying said formation treatment tool within the well casing by surface equipment movement of the tubing string when the tubing string is substantially free of formation pressure.

11. A formation treatment assembly for treating a subsurface formation being intersected by a well casing, the well casing being perforated at one or more casing zones, comprising:

a pair of spaced straddle packer elements being activated to establish sealing engagement with the well casing and defining an isolated casing zone therebetween and being deactivated to release sealing engagement with the well casing;

a formation treatment tool being conveyed within a well casing by a tubing string and defining a treatment fluid supply passage and a treatment fluid discharge passage and having a fluid injection port through which treatment fluid is ejected from the treatment fluid supply passage into the isolated casing zone and a fluid inlet port permitting flow from the isolated casing zone to said treatment fluid discharge passage;

a dump valve being in fluid communication with said formation treatment tool and being open to permit flow of treatment fluid from the isolated casing zone through said treatment fluid discharge passage and closed to prevent flow of formation treatment fluid from the isolated casing zone; and

a tubing isolation valve being in communication with said formation treatment tool and having a valve element being moveable to an open position to permit treatment fluid flow through said treatment fluid supply passage into the isolated casing zone and being closed to isolate the tubing string from pressure within said treatment fluid supply passage.

12. The formation treatment assembly of claim 11, comprising:
said spaced packer elements being supported by said formation treatment tool; and
said fluid injection port and said fluid inlet port being located between said spaced packer elements.
13. The formation treatment assembly of claim 11, comprising:
said tubing isolation valve being hydraulically actuated to said open and closed positions responsive to fluid flow.
14. The formation treatment assembly of claim 13, comprising:
said tubing isolation valve having a valve housing having a flow passage in communication with the tubing string and having a valve seat;
a linearly moveable valve element being moveable within said valve housing responsive to upward and downward fluid flow and being disposed for sealing engagement with said valve seat at a closed position isolating the tubing string from formation pressure in the event of an overpressured reservoir condition, said linearly moveable valve element being open during downward fluid flow of formation treatment and being closed by predetermined velocity of upward fluid flow.

15. The formation treatment assembly of claim 11, comprising:

said tubing isolation valve having a valve housing having a flow passage in communication with the tubing string and having a valve seat;

a linearly moveable poppet valve element being supported for linear movement within said valve housing and having a valve head disposed for sealing engagement with said valve seat; and

at least one spring normally positioning said linearly moveable poppet valve element at an open position with said valve head spaced from said valve seat and permitting fluid flow through said tubing isolation valve during conveyance of said formation treatment tool assembly within the well casing.

16. The formation treatment assembly of claim 15, comprising:

said at least one spring being a primary spring urging said linearly moveable poppet valve element toward said closed position and a secondary spring urging said linearly moveable poppet valve element toward said open position, in absence of fluid flow said primary and secondary springs maintaining said linearly moveable poppet valve element at a partially open position; and

fluid flow during formation treatment moving said linearly moveable poppet valve element from said partially open position to a full open position and formation fluid flow moving said linearly moveable poppet valve element to said closed position isolating the tubing string from formation pressure.

17. The formation treatment assembly of claim 10, comprising:
said tubing isolation valve being mechanically actuated to said open and closed positions responsive to selective upward and downward cycling of the tubing string.
18. The formation treatment assembly of claim 17, comprising:
said tubing isolation valve having an indexing housing;
an indexing sleeve being linearly moveable within the indexing housing and being moveable responsive to linear cycling movement of the tubing string;
said indexing sleeve defining an indexing recess having a plurality of indexing positions;
an indexing guide element being mounted to said indexing housing and having indexing engagement within said indexing recess; and
a valve element being actuated to open and closed positions upon selective linear movement of said indexing sleeve relative to said indexing housing.
19. The formation treatment assembly of claim 18, comprising:
said tubing isolation valve being a ball valve mechanism having a valve housing;
a valve ball element being rotatable within said valve housing between open and closed positions; and

said indexing sleeve having actuating relation with said valve ball and selectively moving said valve ball to said open and closed positions responsive to linear cycling movement of said indexing sleeve by the tubing string.

20. The formation treatment assembly of claim 18, comprising:

a drag member being connected with said indexing sleeve and having resistance engagement within the well casing, said drag member transmitting force to said indexing sleeve during conveyance of said formation treatment assembly through the well casing and causing selective operation of said indexing sleeve and selective operation of said valve ball element to said open and closed positions.

21. The formation treatment assembly of claim 20, comprising:

a support tube being connected with said indexing housing;
said drag member being mounted for linear movement on said support tube and responsive to conveyance of said formation treatment assembly within the well casing imparting telescoping force to said indexing housing causing indexing movement of said indexing housing relative to said indexing sleeve and selectively moving said indexing sleeve to positions controlling movement of said valve ball element to said open and closed positions thereof.